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SUBJECT: UK PROPOSAL FOR PNE COMMITTEE

REF: IAEA VIENNA 1038

1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT UK IAEA REP JACKSON IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM FCO TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION CREATING PNE COMMITTEE. WE CAN CONFIRM THIS. FCO OFFICIALS THOMSON AND EDMONDS HAVE PRESSED US REPEATEDLY, AS RECENTLY AS FEB 4, FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR UK PROPOSAL. EDMONDS TOLD US THAT UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE UK ATTACHES TO THE PROPOSAL.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT UK PROPOSAL FOR PNE COMMITTEE IS SOMEWHAT MORE RELATED TO DOMESTIC POLITICS THAN TO HOPE THAT COMMITTEE WOULD SOLVE ALL INTERNATIONAL PNE PROBLEMS. LABOR PARTY IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO DISARMAMENT IN GENERAL AND MORE SPECIFICALLY TO LIMITATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS. NON-PROLIFERATION IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS POLICY. THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, DAVID ENNALS, IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF DISARMAMENT.

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3. IN THIS FRAMEWORK FCO OFFICIALS HAVE HAD TO CONSTRUCT

PROGRAMS THAT WILL APPEAR TO BE PROMOTING THE CAUSE. WE THINK THAT THE PNE COMMITTEE WAS ONE OF THESE INITIATIVES WHICH, MOST IMPORTANTLY, CAUGHT THE FANCY OF MINISTER ENNALS. WE NOTED THAT WHEN HE SPOKE WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE ON A NUMBER OF DISARMAMENT SUBJECT IN EARLY JANUARY, HE WAS WELL-INFORMED ABOUT ALL OF THE DETAILS OF THE PNE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL AND THAT HE MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR U.S. SUPPORT.

4. INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT IS NOT LIMITED TO MINISTER ENNALS. THE DISCUSSION OF NPT DURING PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S VISIT TO THE U.S. DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN THE UK.

5. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD TAKE A FIRM POSITION ON THE UK PROPOSAL. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A COMMITTEE BUT WE HAVE ALSO OPPOSED THE DETAILS OF THE UK DRAFT. THE BRITISH WOULD LIKE FULL U.S. SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROPOSAL BUT SHORT OF THAT WOULD LIKE A FIRM STATEMENT OF U.S. VIEWS. THEY SEEM TO FEEL THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT REALLY REACHED A DECISION ON THE ISSUE AND MAY DESERT THEM IN THE STRETCH. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TELL THEM SOONEST THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT THEM, IF THAT IS OUR DECISION, THAN TO CONTINUE TO LET THEM THINK THEY MIGHT RECEIVE OUR FULL BLESSING.

6. ADMINISTRATIVELY WE MIGHT HAVE A SLIGHT RESPITE IN UK PRESSURE AS EDMONDS IS IN GENEVA FOR NPT PREPCOM AND THOMSON HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE AFTER A COMBINATION OF MANY TRIPS OUTSIDE UK AND A SHORT ILLNESS. BUT WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT USG GIVE UK A FIRM STATEMENT OF OUR POLICY ON RESOLUTION LANGUAGE AND CO-SPONSORSHIP BY FEB. 15.

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